

II Remarks

The examiner has required Applicant to elect the claims in one of Groups I to XI. For the reader's convenient reference, the claims in each of these Groups are set forth below:

Group I	Claims 26–30
Group II	Claims 26–28 and 31
Group III	Claims 26–28 and 32
Group IV	Claims 26–28 and 33
Group V	Claims 26–28 and 34
Group VI	Claims 26–28 and 35
Group VII	Claims 26–28, 36 and 37
Group VIII	Claims 38–40
Group IX	Claims 38, 39, 41 and 42
Group X	Claims 38, 39 and 43
Group XI	Claims 44–45

Applicant elects Group IV (claims 26–28 and 33) with traverse, and without prejudice to the prosecution of the non-elected claims in another application.

III Conclusion

It is believed that the above constitutes a complete response and that all bases of possible rejection of the claims have been adequately overcome. A Notice of Allowance in the Next Office Action is therefore requested. The examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned attorney about any matters that can reasonably be expected to be resolved in a telephone interview and are believed to impede the allowance of the pending claims of United States Patent Application Serial No. 10/667,738.

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